

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 16 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 17 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 16 Mar 2021 at 02:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for settled conditions for the rest of the week. Low for daily cloud detail from Thursday onwards.

Headline for Tuesday 16 Mar 2021: Overnight low cloud soon clearing then dry and sunny. Windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 16 Mar 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	00%	00%	00%	00%	10%

Forecast for Tuesday 16 Mar 2021

Weather: Sunny along the west coast, but extensive low cloud further east around dawn. Cloud soon lifts and breaks up through the morning giving increasingly lengthy sunny spells. Largely sunny through the afternoon. Patchy cloud spreads east after dusk, but remaining dry.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80-90%

Visibility: Areas of low cloud down to 400 metres across inland ranges around dawn. Cloud breaking up and lifting through the morning. Otherwise little in the way of summit cloud expected by the afternoon with very good visibility and good air clarity.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	45/54 NW	38/47 NW	32/42 NW	28/38 NW	25/33 NW	21/27 W	20/26 W
900	43/52 NW	36/45 NW	31/41 NW	27/37 NW	24/32 NW	19/25 W	18/24 W
600	29/38 NW	24/32 NW	25/35 NW	23/32 NW	16/23 NW	13/19 W	14/19 W
300	12/42 NW	9/34 NW	10/34 NW	7/30 NW	3/23 NW	3/19 W	3/18 W
Glen	16/34 NW	10/22 NW	13/27 NW	11/23 NW	6/16 NW	3/10 W	4/12 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-9	-0/-9	0/-8	1/-6	0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7
900	1/-8	0/-8	1/-6	2/-5	1/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6
600	3/-4	3/-3	4/-2	5/-1	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3
300	6/2	6/3	7/4	8/6	6/4	4/3	4/3
Glen	8/4	8/6	10/7	10/8	8/7	6/5	6/5
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gales expected across the highest tops in the morning

Forecast for Wednesday 17 Mar 2021

Weather: Dry with some good spells of sunshine, some patchy cloud possible through the day.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly gusts to 30 mph on the highest tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, patchy cloud around 700 metres possible in the morning on northern slopes. Small amounts of capping cloud around 900 metres.

Visibility: Very good with good air clarity

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero rising to 10 Celsius

At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius

Freezing level: Above summits